









## LATE TELEGRAMS.

## THE CORPUS DEPUTY.

It is confidently believed that the action dispute will be adjusted without any stoppage of the mills.

## THE SHAKIM-BERBER RAILWAY.

Reuter's correspondent has succeeded in safely reaching Shakin from Berber across the desert. He describes the country traversed as extremely difficult for a railway, the cost of which, constructed, would be such that it could never pay.

## SIR C. DILKE ON THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

London, 12th November.  
Sir C. Dilke, addressing the Fabian Society in London, maintained that financial considerations would eventually necessitate a revolutionary change in the rule of India, and he advocated the extension of the system of Native States and the trial of the elective system in some parts.

## A SPECIAL LONDON WIRE TO THE PIONEER.

The death is announced of Mr. J. J. Robertson, formerly Managing Director of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and Director on several Indian Railway boards.

## THE PLAGUE.

London, 12th November.  
The plague at Poona is of a severe character. There are now 450 cases in hospital, including five or six Europeans. Yesterday there were 11 new cases, and 30 deaths were recorded. The cases are of a severe type, than those which prevailed in Bombay, where indigenous cases are much milder than they were a year ago when the epidemic first broke out.

## THE FRONTIER WAR.

London, 12th November.  
The great fight for British dollars which imposed so heavy a strain upon the resources in India and the machinery of the Bombay Mint, has now only being made at a little beyond the ordinary rate. The deficiency of silver coinage anticipated as a result of the establishment of a gold standard in India, has been met, at least for the present, though it is quite possible this may recur.

## THE FRONTIER WAR.

London, 12th November.  
Sir William Lockhart is expected to notify to the Afridis and Orakzais the terms on which their submission will be accepted. These include the surrender of at least 1,000 rifles, a heavy money fine, and the surrender of hostages to ensure compliance. There will, however, be no full in the military operations while the tribesmen are considering the terms offered, and all preparations are being made to continue to enforce submission if they do not come in forthwith.

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There are no signs yet that the Afridis intend to abandon hostilities, though they are beginning to feel the pressure of the British force which can be put upon them from Tirah and the Peshawar border.

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London, 12th November.  
At 9.30 a.m. the Officer Commanding at Khyber (a British Sikh) reported that one Subadar and 35 of the rank and file of the regiment were missing. These men were of picket duty on the heights above the right bank of the Gomal river, and north of the junction with the Gaudara. During yesterday's reconnaissance this picket was directed to retire from the heights and join the main body at Jilikit. The picket, however, failed to do so, and the Subadar and 35 of the rank and file were missing. The picket was directed to retire from the heights and join the main body at Jilikit. The picket, however, failed to do so, and the Subadar and 35 of the rank and file were missing.

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The British steamer *Siam*, from Saigon, 28th Nov., had strong N.E. monsoon and high head sea.

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The German steamer *Triumph*, from Peking, 1st Dec., and heavy sea throughout.

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The British steamer *Chow*, from Hongkong, 24th Nov., had strong N.E. monsoon, rain and clear weather.

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The British steamer *Orion*, from Glasgow, 17th Nov., and Singapore 25th Nov., had very strong monsoon, dark and gloomy weather throughout the passage from Glasgow.

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## INSURANCES.

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.  
The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the PHENIX FIRE OFFICE, against FIRE and THUNDER, are prepared to accept RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

## INSURANCES.

DOUGLAS, TAYLOR & CO.,  
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.  
Hongkong, 17th August, 1897. [120]

## INSURANCES.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN ASSURANCE CO.  
The combined ACCIDENT and LIFE POLICY is the MOST ADVANTAGEOUS form of INSURANCE.

## INSURANCES.

A yearly premium of £25 2s (age 30) secures the following—  
£2,000 in case of death by accident.  
£2,000 in case of natural death.  
£2,000 in case of permanent total disablement by accident.

## INSURANCES.

25 per week in case of temporary disablement by accident.  
Accidents insured against for 42 and 62 per annum (£1,000 in case of death by weekly payments in case of injury).

## INSURANCES.

For further Particulars apply to J. V. VERNON, Agent.  
Hongkong, 8th June, 1897. [1420]

## INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.  
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1896, £125,634,632 0s 0d.

## INSURANCES.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £3,000,000 & a Reserve Fund of £2,500,000.

## INSURANCES.

II. FIRE FUNDS—£2,500,000 0s 0d.  
The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

## INSURANCES.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 12th June, 1897. [1507]

## INSURANCES.

BOMBAY FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.  
The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to accept Fire Risks.

## INSURANCES.

TATA & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1897. [2583]

## INSURANCES.

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.  
CAPITAL £3,000,000  
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITIES £2,450,453 10s 6d  
NET ANNUAL PREMIUM £757,475

## INSURANCES.

Having been appointed Agents of the above Company, we are prepared to accept Fire Risks and CHIMNEY RISKS at current rates.

## INSURANCES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 9th January, 1898. [2740]

## INSURANCES.

SUN INSURANCE OFFICE, LONDON.  
FOUNDED 1710.  
The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

## INSURANCES.

SILSMEN & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 16th May, 1892. [18]

## INSURANCES.

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AACHEN-CHAPPELLE.  
The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

## INSURANCES.

REUTER, BRICKELMANN & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [968]

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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.  
The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

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SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1892. [17]

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WORTH A GUINEA A BOX.  
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LEIGH & ORANGE.  
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Hongkong, 15th November, 1897. [2403]

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